



Arkansas House Newsletter

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The Arkansas 92nd General Assembly convenes



The 92nd General Assembly is now in session. All members took the oath of office in the House Chamber on Monday afternoon. Members then officially elected Matthew Shepherd from El Dorado as the Speaker of the House for the 92nd General Assembly.

After his address, the Speaker then announced committee appointments.

Each member serves on one “A” standing committee and one “B” standing committee. House Rules state the Speaker must select five members from each of the four House District Caucus. House District Caucuses are divided along the same geographical boundaries as our state’s congressional caucuses.

The House consists of 10 standing committees, 7 select committees and 3 special committees. A vast majority of legislation introduced in the Regular Session is assigned to a standing committee.

Committees are where the lawmaking process begins. It is where bills are first considered and publicly debated before a bill makes its way the House Chamber.

We have posted all the committee assignments on our website, www.arkansashouse.org.

The House will reconvene Tuesday at 10am. The Senate will join us in the chamber at 10:30 as all constitutional officers are sworn in.